संबंधित राज्य सरकारे और स्थानीय प्रशासन जानकार्य रूप से जिम्मेदार है ।

Amount asked for by West Bengal for repair work of National Highways

2463. SHRIMATI SARALA MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether an amount of Rs. 19.28 crores was asked for by the Government of West Bengal for the repair of the National Highways in the northern part of West Bengal which was badly damaged by floods in July, 1993;

(b) if so, what was the amount sanctioned against the estimate and how much was released to the State Government; and

(c) whether the amount released was adequate to restore the damaged part to traffic-worthy conditions if not what steps are being proposed to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Proposals for Rs. 13.94 crores for the repair of road/bridge works on National Highways damaged by floods during 1993-94 in northern part of West Bengal were received

(b) Estimates amounting to Rs. 6.25 crores were sanctioned for the above repair works and an amount of Rs. 4.19 crores has already been released so far against the sanctioned works.

(c) Works are sanctioned keeping in view the condition of the road, traffic intensity, overall priority of the work and availability of resources etc. and funds are released based on estimates sanctioned and availability of resources. Efforts are made to maintain the National Highways in a traffic-worthy condition within the available resources.

Ports closed for Indian ships in Foreign Countries

2464. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the news item captioned "Some Ports closed to Indian ships" as reported in the Hindustan Times, dated 4th October, 1994;

(b) if so, whether due to fear of plague epidemic some countries have closed ports for Indian ships;

(c) if so, the present position of Indian ships and ports; and

(d) the efforts made by Government to continue operations at various ports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir

(b) The Ports were not closed to Indian ships but port authorities in several countries like Kuwait, United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Quattar, Oman, Yemen, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh had imposed quarantine restrictions on ships calling at their ports from any Indian port.

(c) All restrictions have been withdrawn and complete normalcy has been restored.

(d) The Government took prompt action and all Indian Missions abroad were advised about the international expert opinion as well as the measures taken in India so as to adequately reassure the Governments of these countries about the absence of risk of plague infection through exports from India.

America's Investment in Road Sector in India

2465. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the US is keen to invest 20 billion dollars for expressways in the country;

(b) if so, the terms and conditions of such investments;

(c) whether Government have approved the US investment;

(d) the details of Highways on which the investment would be made; and

(e) by when the task is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) There has been no such offer received from the U.S.A. in respect of requirement indicated in the question.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

Revival of Hooghly Dock and Port Engineers Ltd.

2466. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 55 given in the Rajya Sabha on 27th July, 1994 and state:

(a) the salient features of the proposal for the revival of the Hooghly Dock and Port Engineers Ltd., which is under the examination of Government;

(b) what is the financial involvement of the revival package; and

(c) what is the time frame for completion of examination of the revival proposal by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No decision, as yet, has been taken for revival or otherwise of Hooghly Dock and Port Engineers Ltd.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

Specification of the Nature of Cargo by Transport Carriers

2467. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that all the transport carriers carrying hazardous items have to indicate the nature of the cargo and antidote in case of any mishap;

(b) whether carrying of such antidote material has been made mandatory. If not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the responsibility of implementing the rule has been pin-pointed on any authority; and

(d) if so, the name of the authority?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) The responsibilty for implementing the provisions of Motor Vehicles Act and Rules is with the Transport Departments of the State Governments.

दिल्ली परिवहन निगम का दिल्ली सरकार को सौंपा जाना

2468. **श्री दिग्विजय सिंह** : क्या **जल-भूतल परिवहन** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार दिल्ली परिवहन निगम को दिल्ली सरकार को सौंपे जाने के मुद्दे पर विचार कर रही है यदि हां, तो किस आधार पर दिल्ली परिवहन निगम को दिल्ली सरकार को सौंपा जा रहा है;

(ख) क्या दिल्ली सरकार से इस मुद्दे पर कोई बातचीत की गई है, यदि हां तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) यदि दिल्ली सरकार दिल्ली परिवहन निगम को अपने नियंत्रण में लेने पर सहमत हो जाती है तो उसका आधार क्या होगा और यदि नहीं, तो दिल्ली परिवहन निगम के भविष्य, उसके कर्मचारियों की समस्याओं और दिल्ली परिवहन निगम के कार्यकरण के संबंध में सरकार का अन्तिम निर्णय क्या है ?

जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री जगदीश टाइटलर) : (क) से (ग) दिल्ली परिवहन निगम को राष्ट्रीय राजधानी क्षेत्र दिल्ली की सरकार को हस्तांतरित करने का एक प्रस्ताव भेजा गया था । राज्य सरकार ने अपने दिनांक 8 दिसम्बर, 1994 के पत्र के तहत दिल्ली परिवहन निगम के हस्तांतरण को स्वीकार करने के लिए अनेक शर्तें लगाई हैं । इनकी जांच की जा रही है ।

गुजरात के दुर्घटना दावा प्राधिकरण द्वारा दावों के मामलों को निपटाने में विलम्ब

2469. **श्री गोपाल सिंह जी० सोलंकी** : क्या **जल-भूतल परिवहन** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) 31 अक्तूबर, 1994 तक की स्थिति के अनुसार दुर्घटना दावा प्राधिकरण के पास गुजरात के सूरत, भरुच, बड़ोदरा और पंचमहल के संबंध में लंबित मुआवजे के मामलों की जिलेवार संख्या क्या है;

(ख) यह प्राधिकरण किसी मामले को निपटाने में सामान्यतया कितना समय लेता है;

(ग) प्राधिकरण द्वारा एक मामले के निपटान में असाधारण विलम्ब के क्या कारण हैं; और

(घ) उन मामलों के शीघ्र निपटान के लिए क्या-क्या कदम उठाए गए हैं या उठाए जाने का विचार है ?

जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री जग[illegible]) : (क) से (घ) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और राज्य सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी ।

Dredging work by Dutch Contractor

2470. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:
SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Dutch contractor engaged in the Capital Dredging work at Jiggerkhali Flat has been served with an order of termination of contract by Calcutta Port Trust while Dredger Corporation of India Limited has not done so despite the Contractor's non-performance;

(b) if so, the cost of acquisition of Dr. CSD 'Aquarius' and her deployment schedule since its acquisition;

(c) whether it is a fact that some "basket" arrangements were ordered by